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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

TO: AD/ONR, For Possible Future Use,
Director and Executive, For Information.

SUBJECT: Informal Receipt of a Copy of NMIC Document 116/2

RECIPIENT: NMIC Document 116/2

1. The enclosed document is an NMIC "plan for planning" consisting of some 257 "projects." It covers the entire field of mobilization planning with which the NMIC is charged by law. The projects are classified according to the eight major areas into which the NMIC's field of interest can be subdivided, each area being covered by a separate office of the NMIC Staff. The eight areas are: Production, Materials, Power, and Utilities, Computer, Transportation, Economic Management, Foreign Activities, and Civilian mobilization.

2. A hasty glance at the document reveals at once that the quality and quantity of the intelligence provided to support mobilization planning will have a most important bearing on the results obtained. In fact, in some cases planning should not proceed without intelligence support. The importance of the relationship of intelligence to planning is brought to a focus in the project FA-13, "Foreign Economic Intelligence and Research."

3. The document is offered by the NMIC to all the agencies concerned (except CIA), which are requested to participate in the development of a mobilization planning program, using the document as the basis for thought on the subject.

4. The enclosed document has not been addressed officially to CIA, but Mr. Fahey, who is Acting Director of the Office of Program Coordination of the NMIC Staff, recently passed a copy informally to a member of CIA. The NMIC decision not to give a copy officially to CIA was based on the idea that the Executive Secretary of the NMIC received copies so he could provide one to CIA if he desired. Apparently the NMIC is reluctant to deal directly with CIA, at any rate at an official high level.

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5. For the record, about the same time that the document was received informally by CGAPB, Mr. Lyman, Chief of the Foreign Activities Office of the NSC Staff, showed [redacted] chief of the Economic Division of CIA, the draft of a letter he would like to have dispatched by the Chairman of the NSC to the NSC. The letter would ask that a formal directive be issued by the NSC to CIA to provide coordinated intelligence support to the NSC. CGAPB has seen this draft, and CGAPB and CIA, together, formulated certain suggestions which [redacted] then transmitted to Mr. Lyman. The letter still has the task of coordinating the draft within the NSC Staff and then obtaining the approval of the Chairman. It is thought that CIA will probably be able to see the draft again before it is sent out to the NSC — if it should go that far.

6. It appears so far that this situation is working out well. An opportunity may thus be afforded to CIA to help straighten out the whole field of economic intelligence with the backing of a member of the NSC, namely the Chairman of the NSC, who will have a major interest in getting good results. How this will be arranged with State remains to be seen.

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